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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Cao (Kevin) Nguyen

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– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/20/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101 which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).

A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claims 1-21 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claim 1-20 of copending Application No. 09/812,394. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not yet been patented.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the referenced copending application and would be covered by any patent granted on that copending application since the referenced copending application and the instant application are claiming common subject matter, as follows: A system that enables the reconstruction of user-viewable visual stimuli observed through a browser-based interface comprising a processing platform for executing code capable of reconstructing a user-viewable stimuli, wherein the reconstructed user-viewable stimuli represents visual stimuli as it was previously displayed; and a storage platform for storing at least one user-viewed visual stimuli, the storage platform coupled to the processing platform.

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Furthermore, there is no apparent reason why applicant would be prevented from presenting claims corresponding to those of the instant application in the other copending application. See also MPEP § 804.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ridgley (US Patent No. 6,583,800).

Regarding claim 1, Ridgley discloses a method of reconstructing visual stimuli observable through a browser-based interface, comprising: receiving a selection of content for reconstruction [..recognizing the restrictions upon description placed of the presentation may be visual where a layer of information in a hierarchy is set out in the content sub-area; see col. 9, lines 25-67]; retrieving data related to the content [see col. 10, lines 13-42]; calculating an amount of content to display based on the data; and reconstructing the display, wherein the reconstructed display represents visual stimuli as it was previously displayed [..limiting content displayed during clarification, for providing alternatives choices for acting memorized and the user elects to find more choices ; see col. 16 -17, lines 1-67].

Regarding claim 2, Ridgley discloses the method of claim wherein the parameter is a network address of all online content immediately displayed within a browser window at a point in time [...a unifying interface enabling the user to both browse and act upon information; see col. 18, lines 4-31].

Regarding claim 3, Ridgley discloses the method wherein the parameter is a two dimensional offset of the online content as it is displayed within a browser window (see col. 19, lines 1-49).

Regarding claims 4 and 5, Ridgley discloses wherein the parameter comprises textual and binary objects systematically displayed within each browser window (see col. 20, lines 6-57).

Regarding claim 6, Ridgley discloses wherein the parameter is a graphical image of online content as displayed in a browser window (see col. 23 ,lines 9-21).

Regarding claim 7, Ridgley discloses wherein the parameter is an inventory of objects that comprise online content, and the two-dimensional position of each object in a browser window (see col. 26, lines 1-35).

As claims 8-13 are analyzed as previously discussed with respected to claims 1-7 above.

Regarding claims 14-16, Ridgley discloses wherein data is stored as an article identifiable as an alphanumeric string; and comprising assigning a unique ID to each parent web page and each child web page (see col. 23, lines 9-51).

As claims 16-21 are analyzed as previously discussed with respected to claims 1-7 and 14-16 above.

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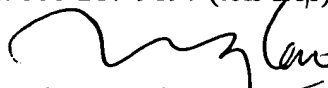
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (PTO-892).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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